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Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2002-2003

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 in which it, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to submit in off-budget years an outline of the proposed programme budget for the following biennium,

Reaffirming also section VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990,

Recalling its resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998,

Reaffirming rule 153 of its rules of procedure,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2002-2003,[1] the related recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination[2] and the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination[2] and the report and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

2. *Reaffirms* that the proposed programme budget outline shall contain an indication of the following:

(a) Preliminary estimate of resources to accommodate the proposed programme of activities during the biennium;

(b) Priorities reflecting general trends of a broad sectoral nature;

[1] A/55/186.
[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/55/16), part two, II, paras. 50-70.
[3] A/55/685 and Corr.1.

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(c) Real growth, positive or negative, compared with the previous budget;

(d) Size of the contingency fund expressed as a percentage of the overall level of resources;

3. *Reaffirms also* that the outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium, promote greater involvement of Member States in the budgetary process and thereby facilitate the broadest possible agreement on the programme budget;

4. *Notes* that the budget outline is a preliminary estimate of resources;

5. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Advisory Committee in paragraph 8 of its report,[3] that provision should be made in the budget outline for expenditures for special political missions related to peace and security expected to be extended or approved in the course of the biennium;

6. *Decides* that the preliminary estimate of resources for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 should therefore include a provision for special political missions, in the amount of 93.7 million dollars at revised 2000-2001 rates, which should be reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, and that additional requirements shall continue to be treated in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/213;

7. *Notes* that the Secretary-General's preliminary estimates for the proposed programme budget did not include provision for the requirements for the biennium 2002-2003 of the implementation of the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations[4] and that these requirements remain under discussion by the General Assembly and that the requirements pertinent to the regular budget should be reflected in the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to approval by the General Assembly;

8. *Notes also* that the Secretary-General's preliminary estimates for the proposed programme budget did not include provision for the requirements for the biennium 2002-2003 for safety and security of personnel and that these requirements remain under discussion by the General Assembly and that the requirements pertinent to the regular budget should be reflected in the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to approval by the General Assembly;

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General to prepare his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 on the basis of a total preliminary estimate of 2,515.3 million dollars at revised 2000-2001 rates;

10. *Decides* that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 shall contain provisions for recosting on the basis of the existing methodology;

11. *Decides also* that the priorities for the biennium 2002-2003 are the following:

(a) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(b) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;

[4] A/55/305-S/2000/809.

(c) Development of Africa;

(d) Promotion of human rights;

(e) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(f) Promotion of justice and international law;

(g) Disarmament;

(h) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, having considered the preliminary indicative estimates of the Secretary-General in the proposed outline, when presenting the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, to reflect the priorities as outlined in paragraph 11 of the present resolution;

13. *Reiterates* its requests to the Secretary-General to submit, in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, the total amount of resources that he should have at his disposal, from all sources of financing, in order to implement fully all mandated programmes and activities;

14. *Decides* that the contingency fund shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate, namely at 18.9 million dollars, and that this amount is in addition to the overall level of the preliminary estimate and is to be used in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund.